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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A seat arrangement for a motor vehicle seat, comprising:
 - a seat base which defines a seat surface for a vehicle occupant and extends in a longitudinal direction of the seat; and
 - a backrest, wherein the backrest is adjustable in the longitudinal direction of the seat relative to the seat base by a lever arrangement, wherein the lever arrangement is formed by two spaced apart articulated levers which are attached on one side to an element displaceable together with the backrest and on the other side to a floor unit.
2. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the longitudinal direction of the seat extends along a longitudinal axis of the vehicle in relation to the position of the seat arrangement installed in a motor vehicle.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the two spaced apart articulated levers of the ~~lever arrangement is formed by two displacement levers which~~ are parallel to each other.
5. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the backrest is additionally movable in the longitudinal direction of the seat by a longitudinal guide.

6. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the backrest is movable by the lever arrangement into at least two different longitudinal positions, which longitudinal positions are lockable.

7. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the lever arrangement for moving the backrest in the longitudinal direction of the seat engages on a structural frame unit on which the backrest is mounted.

8. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the backrest is foldable about a pivotal axis onto the seat surface.

9. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement for a motor vehicle seat according to claim 8, wherein the pivotal axis is moved along a predetermined path as the backrest is folded ~~forwards~~ forward onto the seat surface.

10. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the pivotal axis is formed by a physical structural unit of the seat arrangement.

11. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the pivotal axis is formed by a bearing axis through which the backrest is mounted on a structural frame unit.

12. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the pivotal axis is automatically guided along a predetermined path as the backrest is folded ~~forwards~~ forward.

13. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 12, wherein the pivotal axis is automatically guided by a guide device which extends along the predetermined path.

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14. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 13, wherein the guide device is formed by a guide slide.
15. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 12, wherein the pivotal axis is automatically guided by a guide element through which the pivotal axis is connected to a structural frame unit and which is moved as the backrest is folded ~~forwards~~ forward.
16. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 15, wherein the guide element is longitudinally extended.
17. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 15, wherein the guide element comprises a guide lever.
18. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the backrest is connected additionally outside of the pivotal axis for articulation to a structural frame unit.
19. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the backrest is connected outside of the pivotal axis to the structural frame unit through a coupling element which extends from the backrest to the structural frame unit and is moved as the backrest rest folds forward.
20. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the coupling element comprises a coupling lever.
21. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the backrest is connected outside of the pivotal axis to the frame unit through a guide device which guides a section of the backrest as it folds forward.

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22. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 21, wherein the guide device comprises a guide slide.
23. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 18, wherein movement of the pivotal axis along a predetermined path as the backrest folds forward is controlled through the interaction of the backrest with the structural frame unit outside of the pivotal axis.
24. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the pivotal axis is automatically guided along a predetermined path by one of a guide device extended along this path and by a guide element through which the pivotal axis is connected to the structural frame unit, and the movement of the pivotal axis along the predetermined path is controlled by one of a coupling element and a guide device, by which the backrest is connected to the structural frame unit group outside of the pivotal axis.
25. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 9, wherein the pivotal axis is moved on a closed path as the backrest is folded ~~forwards~~ forward.
26. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 25, wherein as the backrest is folded ~~forwards~~ forward the pivotal axis is moved from one end to another end of an open path curve and back to the one end of the path curve.
27. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 9, wherein as the backrest folds forward the pivotal axis is moved at least during part of the folding movement along a direction which is substantially opposite the direction of the folding movement.
28. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 8, further comprising a locking mechanism for locking the pivotal axis in a position which corresponds to at least one of

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a backrest raised up in the useful position and in a position which corresponds to a backrest folded ~~forwards~~ forward down onto the seat surface.

29. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 28, wherein the locking mechanism for locking the pivotal axis comprises a locking lever.

30. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 8, wherein an adjusting device is provided to set an incline of the raised-up backrest between different useful positions.

31. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 30, further comprising a locking device for locking a previously set incline of the backrest.

32. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 31, wherein the locking device comprises one of the self-locking design of the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting device and a brake associated with the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting device.

33. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 31, further comprising a separate locking device which interacts with the adjusting device.

34. (Currently amended) The seat arrangement according to claim 33, wherein the locking device comprises a primary locking element which for locking the adjusting device acts on same, and a ~~second~~ secondary locking element with which the primary locking element is lockable in a position in which it acts on the adjusting device.

35. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 34, wherein the secondary locking element brings the primary locking element out of engagement with the adjusting device in order to be able to change the incline of the backrest.

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36. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement according to claim 9, wherein the seat surface is formed by a seat cushion mounted on the seat base.

37. (Previously presented) The seat arrangement of claim 1, wherein the backrest is movable by the lever arrangement into two different longitudinal positions, which longitudinal positions are lockable.